

Notification of Vision/Hearing Screening

Children do not really know how they are supposed to see or hear. Therefore, they may not complain about poor vision or hearing. Each year your school provides screening to ensure children are seeing and hearing optimally for their growth and learning. This is done in accordance to the IL Rules and Regulations of the Child Vision and Hearing Test Act. ***In the event you are unable to participate in this free service provided, it will be your responsibility to ensure your child does not have vision and/or hearing deficits.*** This may be done at your cost by making a screening appointment with Tazewell County Health Department, or by seeing specialists for eyes and ears including an audiological examination. The results are required at your child's school to show there are no vision & hearing barriers to learning.

The screening dates for 2020/2021 school year will be:

November 9th, 2020 with a rescreen date of November 23rd, 2020

Those who ***have been referred for hearing*** by School Sight & Sound, Inc. at previous screens will receive yearly hearing monitoring as needed. ***Students who are new to the district, attend any special education classes, or are referred by a teacher will be screened for both vision and hearing along with the following grades:***

Hearing Screens:

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

Vision Screens:

Kindergarten (If student has not had an eye exam for Kindergarten entrance requirement)

2nd Grade

"Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months." (Section 27-8.1 of the School Code)

Lori Leskovisek and Deanna Frye, administrators of School Sight & Sound, Inc. are certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) as vision and hearing screening technicians. They are, for this purpose, considered "school officials" as they conduct a program that has "legitimate educational interest". Under the State codes 99.31 and 99.7, as *school officials*, they are authorized to share screening results with the school office since these results have *legitimate educational interest*. School Sight & Sound, Inc. will notify parents/guardians if a child is recommended for further testing.

This service has proven to be very valuable in discovering those children who may be struggling academically due to vision and hearing needs. Although this service is meant to benefit your child, it is your right to refuse it for religious purposes. According to the Child Vision and Hearing Test Act, a written statement of objection must be submitted by any parent/guardian who chooses to not have their child tested. (410 ILCS 205/6)